

Information Services Board Briefing on Information Technology Security Standards

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Purpose of Appearance

To present the Board with the most recent update to the IT Security Standards.

Previous ISB Appearance

None.

Staff Recommendation to the Board

Adopt proposed updated IT Security Standards.

Background

The current version of the Information Technology Security Standards, Policy No. 401-S1, is dated March, 2003.

In December 2003, ISB staff began work to enhance the IT Security Standards based on feedback gathered from the last round of agency IT security audits and input from agency IT security personnel. Particular emphasis was given to readability and clarity, which resulted in a re-structuring of content and more emphasis on shared network security, as well as portal security. The Washington Computer Incident Response Center (WACIRC) provided expert input with the WACIRC Standards Subcommittee collaborating in creating the draft and the WACIRC Steering Committee providing additional information. The Customer Advisory Board (CAB) endorsed the IT Security Standards on January 24, 2005.

This version features a more structured outline and numbering format that will also be used in the accompanying IT Security Guidelines, allowing for a more precise cross-walk between the two documents.

ISB staff continually solicits input from stakeholders, and reviews and updates policies and standards as conditions warrant.